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Request for Responses 604b Water Quality Management Planning Grants for FFY 2018 BRP-RFR-2018-07-604B

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Bureau of Water Resources, is pleased to issue this Request for Responses (GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT) for §604(b) Water Quality Management Planning Program Grants for Federal Fiscal Year 2018. MassDEP is seeking project proposals from eligible applicants that will identify water quality problems and provide preliminary designs for BMPs to address these problems. Eligible entities include: regional planning agencies, council of governments, counties, conservation districts, and cities and towns. For FFY 2018, the Department will focus 604b grant funds towards nonpoint source assessment and planning projects leading to the:

- 1) development of Watershed-based Plans for 319 grant projects. Guidelines for watershed based plans can be found at: <http://prj.geosyntec.com/MassDEPWBP> and <https://www.mass.gov/guides/watershed-based-plan-information>
 - 2) determination of the nature, extent and causes of water quality problems and determination of pollutant load reductions necessary to meet water quality standards.
 - 3) development of municipal and regional approaches to stormwater issues including coordination of technical information sharing among communities and creation of stormwater utilities in regulated and non-regulated communities.
 - 4) development of green infrastructure projects that manage wet weather to maintain or restore natural hydrology.
 - 5) development of preliminary designs and implementation plans that will address water quality impairments in impaired watersheds.
- The Request for Responses for 604b Water Quality Management Planning Grants is available at MassDEP's Grants and Financial Assistance web page: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/grants-financial-assistance-watersheds-water-quality>.